
Land Claimants Estates.

No. XX.

LAND CLAIMANTS
ESTATES.

AN ORDINANCE to remove doubts respecting the Legal Estate in Lands granted to Land Claimants.

[17th July, 1844.]

Preamble.

WHEREAS by "*The Land Claims Ordinance*" (Session I., No. 2), it is declared and enacted that all titles to land in the Colony of New Zealand so held or claimed as in the said Ordinance mentioned, which were not or might not be allowed by Her Majesty her heirs and successors, were and the same should be absolutely null and void: And whereas claims to grants of land have been or may be confirmed by grants from the Crown under the provisions of the said Ordinance, and doubts have arisen as to the nature of the estate or interest of the claimants in the lands comprised in any such grant in the interval between the date of the purchase by any such grantee and the date of the Crown Grant to him: And whereas, for the purpose of preventing serious injury and inconvenience to persons who have dealt during the aforesaid interval with such claimants in respect of the lands so claimed by them, it is expedient that the legal estate in all lands so granted as aforesaid shall be deemed to have been in such grantee from the date of the purchase by him as aforesaid:

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Governor of New Zealand, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows:—

Legal estate to be deemed to be in claimant before date of Crown Grant.

1. In all cases where any claim to land hath been or may be confirmed by a grant from the Crown under the provisions of the said recited Ordinance, the legal estate in the land comprised in such grant shall be deemed to have been in the grantee thereof from the date of the purchase by him of such land as aforesaid.
